

UC Overview



Q: I would like to hear about the UCs in general.

- 9 UG campuses: Teach, research & public service; differ in academic offerings, size, location, and campus culture
- 280,000 students, 227,000 faculty and staff
- 160 academic disciplines, 800 degree programs in science, engineering, art & social sciences
- 5 UC campuses named among the US's top 10 public universities; 7 UC Campuses are members of the prestigious AAU (Association of American Universities)
- 70 faculty and researchers affiliated with the University of California have won 71 Nobel Prizes.
- Develops more patents than any other university in the nation
- UROP (undergrad research), UCEAP (study abroad), UCDC, UC Sacramento, Intercampus Visitor Program
- Strong alumni network world-wide: 2 million

Campus	Location	Size	Top programs	Admit Rate (2023)
UC Berkeley (founded in 1868)	East in the San Francisco Bay area, college town	33,078	Computer Science, Electrical Eng. & Computer Science, Economics, Business Administration, Mechanical Engineering	11.6%

UC Davis (founded in 1905)	College town, rural, known for its small town feel	30,718	Psychology, Biological Sciences, Economics, Managerial Economics, Neurobiology, Physiology & Behavior	41.8%
UC Irvine (founded in 1965)	Suburban, heart of Orange County, "Safest City" for 17 years	28,661	Business Administration, Biological Sciences, Computer Science, Mechanical Engineering, Criminology, Law & Society	25.7%
UC Los Angeles (founded in 1919)	Westwood, west LA, in a big city	32,423	Biology, Business Economics, Psychology, Political Science, Psychobiology	8.8%
UC Merced (founded in 2005)	San Joaquin Valley, nearby Yosemite National Park	8,321	Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts, Management and Business Economics	88.3%
UC Riverside (founded in 1954)	60 miles east of Los Angeles	22,903	Social Sciences, Biological and Biomedical Sciences, Management, Psychology, Engineering	70.3%
UC San Diego (founded in 1960)	La Jolla, in the northern part of San Diego, a large campus	33,096	Biological Sciences, Mathematics, Economics, Engineering, Chemistry	24.7%
UC Santa Barbara (founded in 1909)	Isla Vista, a beach town north of Los Angeles	23,460	Psychology, Sociology, Communication, Economics-Accounting, Global Studies, Political Science	27.9%
UC Santa Cruz (founded in 1965)	32 miles south of San Jose and 75 miles south of San Francisco	17,502	Computer Science, Psychology, Business Management Economics, Literature, Politics	62.7%

Two Types of Applicants

- **Q: How the admission process is different from applying from the states vs applying from an international school**
 - CA-Res vs Non-CA Res (Domestic Out-of-State and International Students)
 - [Minimum requirements](#)
- **Q: I'm curious about how it works if we live here but have California state residency since we still pay taxes in California and own homes.**
 - The term "California resident for purposes of tuition" is different from other definitions of California residence. For example, a person who is a California resident for tax or voting purposes is not necessarily a resident for purposes of tuition at the University of California. Check out [the UC Residence Policy and Guidelines](#) (pdf). Residency for purposes of tuition is decided by your [campus residence deputy](#) (or the [Residence Appeals Unit](#), on appeal). Learn more about the [process of filing your Statement of Legal Residence \(SLR\)](#).

Minimum Requirements

- Minimum **UC GPA** (grades earned after the summer of 9th grade and summer after 11th grade; weighted)
 - 3.0 (CA Resident)
 - 3.4 (Nonresident)
- A-G Course Requirements
 - A: History/Social Sciences 2 years required
 - B: English, 4 years required
 - C: Mathematics, 3 years required (4 years recommended)
 - D: Science, 2 years required (3 years recommended)
 - E: Language other than English, 2 years required (3 years recommended)
 - F: Visual and Performing Arts, 1 year required
 - G: College-Preparatory Elective, 1 year required
- UCI does not consider the SAT or ACT scores for admission or scholarship purposes
- UC does NOT have an Early Action (EA) or Early Decision (ED) process
- UC application is all self-reported. We do not ask students for recommendation letters.

Comprehensive Review & Selection

- **Q; The ideal candidate profile sought by UC**
- **Q; Do the UC schools also value activities?**
- **Q; What is the most important thing about the application to decide whether to accept or not?**
- **Q; Bio Medical related subjects and qualification**

What are we looking for?

- We look for success by valuing multiple measures of achievement and promise:
 - Strong grades and course selection
 - Outstanding performance/achievement in academic subject areas or special projects and academic programs
 - Special talents, achievements, and awards
- We consider the **context** in which each student has demonstrated academic and non-academic accomplishments:
 - Educational and/or family environment
 - Available resources and opportunities
 - Any challenges the student has faced
 - Not just the Personal Insight Questions

13 Comprehensive Review Factors

- Grade-Point Average
- Courses completed/planned beyond minimum A-G requirements
- Approved honors, AP, IB, university courses
- **Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC)* applicable to CA-residents**
- Quality of senior-year program of study
- Academic opportunities in secondary schools
- Outstanding performance in academic subject areas
- Achievements in special projects

- Improvement in academic performance
- Special talents, achievements, and awards
- Participation in educational preparation programs
- Academic accomplishment within life experiences
- Geographic location